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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management's Worland Field Office is considering an application filed by the Wyoming Water Development Commission to drill an exploratory water well on BLM-administered public lands near Lysite Mountain, east of Thermopolis.

The exploratory well is described in a BLM environmental assessment which is being made available for a 30-day public review and comment period.

The exploratory well would determine the area's potential to contribute to a regional water supply system serving Hot Springs, Washakie, and Big Horn counties. If the exploratory well is able to produce a sufficient quantity and quality of water for hook up to the regional system, a plan of development and separate environmental document would consider any necessary roads, pipelines, treatment, and storage facilities on public lands.

Comments on the EA should be received no later than Wednesday, September 15, at the BLM Worland Field Office, Attn: Victor Trickey, P.O. Box 119, Worland, Wyoming, 82401-0119. Or, you can e-mail your comments to: worland_wymail@blm.gov by that same date. To receive a copy of the EA, or for more information, contact Victor Trickey, realty specialist, at 307-347-5100. All comments on the EA will be carefully considered before the BLM makes a decision on the proposal.

Submitted comments are part of the public record and will be available for public review at the Worland Field Office, 101 South 23rd Street, Worland, Wyoming during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays. If you wish to withhold your name from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

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